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FOLLOWING REPEAT STOCKHOLM 02751 ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
CANBERRA BELGRADE GENEVA MADRID WELLINGTON USUN  
27 JUNE.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, YO, SP, SW

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF CROATIAN TERRORISTS

1. ACCORDING TO REPORT IN MEDIA HERE SIX CROATIANS  
INVOLVED IN 1972 MURDER OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR HERE HAVE BEEN  
RELEASED BY SPANISH GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE REPORTEDLY LEFT  
SPAIN FOR AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

2. BACKGROUND: THE SIX CROATIAN TERRORIST UNDER LIFE  
SENTENCE IN SWEDEN WERE RELEASED TO THREE CROATIAN AIRPLANE  
HIJACKERS IN SEPTEMBER 1972 IN RETURN FOR LIVES OF 70  
PASSENGERS. THE NINE FLEW TO SPAIN AND WERE ARRESTED  
JUNE 12 THIS YEAR. MADRID COURT RULED AGAINST EXTRADITION  
TO SWEDEN, AND LATER FREED THE SIX. THREE HIJACKERS STILL  
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IN PRISON PENDING DECISION BY SPANISH MILITARY TRIBUNAL.

3. EVENT IS LEAD STORY HERE. NO EDITORIALS YET BUT  
SWEDES WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED VOICE INDIGNATION AND  
OUTRAGE.

4. COMMENT: SWEDEN HAS BEEN RELUCTANT IN PAST TO ACCEDE  
TO ANTI-TERRORIST CONVENTIONS WHICH HAVE AUTOMATIC EXTRA-  
DITION/LOCAL TRIAL CLAUSES. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SPANISH  
PERFORMANCE WILL INDUCE THEM TO CHANGE MIND. NEVERTHELESS,  
WE WILL MAKE POINT AS OPPORTUNITY OCCURS. STRAUZ-HUPE

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